

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS		
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	116.0	
Hours flown	129.9	
Monthly offset	13.9	
33rd Rescue Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	221.0	
Hours flown	197.9	
Monthly offset	-23.1	
909th Air Refueling Squadron		
Monthly flying-hour contract	469.0	
Hours flown	497.6	
Monthly offset	28.6	
44th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	253.0	
Sorties flown	238.0	
Monthly offset	-15.0	
67th Fighter Squadron		
Monthly sortie contract	325.0	
Sorties flown	321.0	
Monthly offset	-4.0	
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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Cloudy with isolated rainshowers  
E winds @ 20 knots  
High: 79 Low: 70

SATURDAY: Cloudy with isolated rainshowers  
SE winds @ 15-20 knots  
High: 75 Low: 68

SUNDAY: Cloudy with isolated rainshowers  
S winds @ 15-20 knots  
High: 77 Low: 70

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITY BANK  
EXCHANGE RATES

BUYING: \$1=¥101 SELLING: ¥106=\$1

# Bronze for Bravery

## 18th LRS trio receives Bronze Star for OIF actions

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Three Kadena Airmen were recently awarded Bronze Stars for their contributions to the War on Terrorism while serving in Iraq.

The trio from the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron - Master Sgt. Jonathan Tucker, and Tech. Sgts. Michael Harris and William Dominy were presented medals during two separate ceremonies last month.

All three of the Airmen were deployed from March to September this year to Balad Air Base - one of the busiest and most dangerous bases in Iraq.

Technical Sgts. Harris and Dominy had the unique mission of supporting security escort for supply convoys in the area.

Both were part of the first group of Airmen to complete convoy training to provide security support alongside the over tasked Army.

"Usually, as vehicle operators, we're not on the front lines," said Sergeant Dominy, who previously served in Operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch and Vigilant Thunder. "I usually knew what to expect when I deployed and could prepare, but on this deployment I didn't know what to bring or what to expect."



**Tech. Sgt. Michael Harris, Master Sgt. Jonathan Tucker and Tech. Sgt. William Dominy, each from the 18th Logistic Readiness Squadron, hold out their Bronze Stars at the NCO Academy Wednesday. The trio was presented the medals for their contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom earlier this year.**

Even though training prepares troops using the most realistic environment possible, Sergeant Dominy admitted he got a little bit nervous the first time he heard two real mortars sail over his position.

"It's an eerie feeling because you don't know where the rockets or mortars are going to land and they were

really close," said Sergeant Dominy, who tacked more than 57,000 frequent driver miles in Iraq. "Both mortars landed about 200 feet from us. As we calmed down from the excitement, another rocket exploded 50 feet from us throwing debris and shrapnel at our vehicles. At that time, we figured it was best to stage

our vehicles elsewhere."

The closest call for Sergeant Dominy, however, would come on one of his last missions. While providing rear security manning the .50-caliber machinegun of his gun truck, Sergeant Dominy was almost thrown out of the gun turret after an improvised explosive device exploded five

feet from the vehicle.

"The explosion was so hot that I thought I was hit," said the father of two. "I checked myself with a flashlight to luckily find no injuries, and then sat down for a second so I could reflect and regroup."

Sergeant Harris had a few close calls of his own while providing convoy security, and on one occasion, he was literally in the fight of his life.

While headed toward Baghdad International Airport, Sergeant Harris's convoy was ambushed by 50 insurgents using IEDs, rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire.

"The kill-zone was approximately 1.5 - 2 miles long, and they were shooting at us from behind fences, buildings, ditches," Sergeant Harris explained. "I was the gunner in the rear gun truck manning a .50-caliber machine gun. Since our convoy was so long, it took a few moments for my truck to make it into the kill-zone where I could actually engage the enemy."

According to official documents, Sergeant Harris was one of two people returning fire when a second IED detonated in front of his vehicle. But the 15-year Air Force veteran maintained a steady rate of fire on the enemy resulting in one confirmed enemy kill.

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# 18th Services holds holiday festivities this weekend

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Services Squadron kicks off its Tinsel Town holiday festivities this afternoon with the Kadena Annual Parade marching from the O'Conner Gym to the Schilling Community Center at 5 p.m.

Throughout the weekend Services will hold various activities at the Schilling Community Center for the entire family to enjoy - including rides, contests, arts and crafts and acrobatic performances by the Nutcracker Cirque. Children can also talk with Santa Claus who will be collecting Christmas requests.

"The highlight of this year's event will be performances by the Nutcracker Cirque - an amazing free show featuring aerialists, costumes and characters with dazzling special lighting effects," said Catherine Lane, 18th Services marketing. "It will leave you breathless."

Tinsel Town Timeline

Schedule subject to change without notice

Tonight

□ Holiday Parade starts at O'Conner Gym at 5 p.m.

□ Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Tinsel Town at 5:20 p.m.

□ Holiday craft workshop begins at 7 p.m.

□ Nutcracker Cirque performs at 6 and 9 p.m.

□ Tinsel Town booths close after 9 p.m.

Saturday

□ Arts and craft fair begins at 10 a.m. inside Schilling

□ Tinsel Town reopens at 1 p.m.

□ Kadena Youth Center Judo demonstration starts at 1:15 p.m.

□ Nutcracker Cirque performs at 2 and 7:40 p.m.

□ Talent show begins at 5 p.m.

□ Family Bingo starts at 7 p.m. in the Schilling ballroom

□ Tinsel Town booths close after 9 p.m.

Sunday

□ Tinsel Town reopens at 1 p.m.

□ Nutcracker Cirque performs at 2 and 7:40 p.m.

□ Kadena Youth Gymnastics performance at 3:45 p.m.

□ S.F.K. Entertainment "Sound Terror" begins at 5 and 6:15 p.m.

□ Tinsel Town booths close after 9 p.m.

Monday

□ Nutcracker Cirque performs at 5 and 8:30 p.m.





## PACAF holiday safety

Gen. Paul Hester  
Pacific Air Forces commander

As the winter holiday season approaches, Pacific Air Forces personnel have boots on the ground in multiple theaters, promoting peace and advancing freedom across the globe. Your courage and dedication are the greatest gifts humanity could receive this holiday season. I thank each of you—and your families—for your sacrifice and encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the many great achievements we have accomplished this past year.

I also encourage you to consider the hazards of activities you engage in this season. During the winter months, the Air Force traditionally suffers needless injury and loss of life due to avoidable mishaps. The majority of these mishaps are traffic related and occur when members over extend themselves while on leave or while traveling busy winter highways.

Use the principles of personal risk management in developing your holiday plans and keep personal safety in the forefront of your thoughts. Look out for your subordinates and peers, as Airmen caring for other Airmen, and make a concerted effort to positively influence sound decision-making skills.

Together we in PACAF are helping win the war on terror and building a more secure future. It will take the efforts of each of us to succeed in this mission. Spend some well-deserved time with your family and friends reflecting on our many accomplishments and counting our many blessings. Finally, take time to enjoy this season of thanksgiving and gift sharing, but do so while being a good wingman and keeping personal safety first and foremost for you, your comrades and your loved ones. I look forward to our continued accomplishments in 2005. Happy holidays!

## Good leadership through recognition

Col. Ross Roley  
18th Services Squadron  
commander

Former President Harry Truman defined leadership as, “the ability to get other people to do what they don’t want to do, and like it.”

It’s been my experience, after more than 28 years in the Air Force, that one of the best ways to achieve Truman’s vision is through recognition. People love a simple pat on the back, an encouraging word, a heartfelt compliment from the boss, and they’ll do anything asked of them if they’re properly recognized for doing it. Recognition is a real force multiplier.

One excellent form of recognition is putting someone in for an award. A leader in today’s Air Force should take the time to write an Air Force Form 1206 on a troop that’s doing a good job. Sometimes a troop will win an award merely because they’re the only one competing. One award might lead to another and before you know it, they could win an AF-level award. I’ve seen it happen numerous times. Nothing is more professionally satisfying than writing a 1206 on someone and the seeing them win an award.

With the quarterly and annual award submissions coming soon, I thought I would share some of my secrets to

writing a good award package.

**No white spaces.** The perfect 1206 has every line filled to the last character. To achieve this, write out what you want to say in regular English -- wrapping around a full line, then start shortening with acronyms, or the use of “&” instead of “and,” “mgr” instead of “manager,” “w/” instead of “with,” “govt” instead of “government” and so on. Keep playing with various combinations of shortened words until the line is completely full.

**Quantify everything.** Each line should have a number with it. How many people benefited? How much money was involved? How many times was the action repeated? Extrapolate all these values to the award period, i.e. if you estimate that you do something 20 times per day, this equates to 4,000 times a year (200 workdays/year times 20 times/day). Much more impressive, isn’t it?

**Use non-traditional characters.** By that, I mean: caps, @, /, +, etc. These really catch the board member’s eye. Examples include: (#1 of 200+ NCOs...saved \$20K...impressed 1,000s.) Put all awards in quotes like: (- Contributed to “Outstanding” unit safety rating...named “PACAF/XO Amn of Yr” for 2004...2X “Sq Amn of Qtr”)

**Use superlatives.** Well-

placed words such as awesome, incredible, amazing, superior, impressive, fantastic, etc. really spice up a 1206. Spread them out and don’t use any of them more than twice per package.

**Always indicate impact.** For example: (- Fixed 250 ultra-complicated widgets this qtr...result: 99% success rate, amazing 12% > AF avg.)

**Pay extra attention to the sections on self-improvement and community involvement.** Most boards are highly competitive when it comes to job performance, but the real discriminator between winning and losing is how well someone scores in the final two sections. That time your nominee spent coaching youth sports might add up to a win.

**Collaborate.** Don’t try and write it solo. I’ve found the best process is to use three-person teams. Have one person write a rough draft, then the supervisor, nominee, and a good editor should sit down in front of a computer and go through it line-by-line to polish it. Using this method, my squadron has won 68 awards in fiscal year 2004 alone.

Everybody loves a winner. Use these tips when writing your next 1206, and you’ll have a better chance of earning extra recognition for your folks. In return, they’ll want to go the extra mile for you.

### ACTION LINES

E-mail: 18wg.cchotline@kadena.af.mil



Brig. Gen.  
Jan-Marc Jouas  
18th Wing  
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we’ll look into it. Although not required, it’s better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

### Tearing up flower beds

**I confirmed with housing that flower beds must be cleared out before checking out of base housing.**

**It is stressed that we keep our yards looking nice and are given plants from self-help, at government expense, to help beautify them. Now we have to rip them up and throw them away for the next tenant. This is fraud, waste and abuse. I have planted dozens of flowers from self-help and have spent lots of time, effort and money making my yard look appealing. Houses with torn up plants are not appealing, as I thought was the point.**

**If the yard and plants are in regulation standards, then why do we have to tear them up when we leave?**

Thanks for bringing this matter to my attention. I appreciate the time, effort and money that you put into your yard, and your

efforts that directly contribute to the pleasant appearance of our neighborhoods and community. It is not our policy to “clear out” or “tear up” flowerbeds when occupants leave base housing unless these areas do not meet defined yard maintenance standards. I asked our housing office to review the yard maintenance standards to ensure they are well defined and fairly enforced by our inspection staff. During your pre-final inspection, a housing inspector will perform a walk through of your quarters to answer any questions you have—to include flowerbeds, plants and shrubs. Assuming that your yard meets standards there should be no need to tear it up (I agree—that wouldn’t make any sense).

I’m impressed by your good citizenship and willingness to help improve our community. If you have further concerns or questions, please contact Mrs. Alakai (Chief, Housing Management Element) at 634-0798 or Lt. Col. Sanks (718 CES/CC) at 634-0718.



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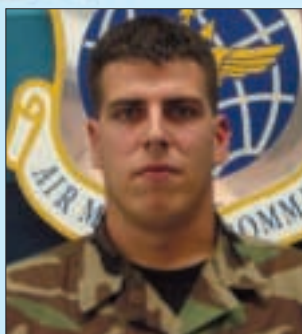
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## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Jonathan W. Wright

733rd Air Mobility Squadron air freight specialist

Hometown: Luckenbach, Texas

Reason for nomination: Senior Airman Wright expertly demonstrated the Patient Transfer System for Lt. Gen. William Welser on his tour of Kadena.

Time at Kadena: 2 years

Editor’s note: *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- Motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death for Americans between five and 35 years of age. More than 50 percent of these accidents are caused by alcohol impaired drivers. How would you feel if you caused a death?

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** Run only full loads in your dishwasher and fill the racks according to the manufacturer's instructions.

**OFF LIMITS:** The Kadena Combat Arms Firing Range, near Gate 3, is off limits to unauthorized personnel. Trespassing is illegal and extremely dangerous when the range is in use. For entry, contact range personnel at 634-2783, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**POSTAL ADVISORIES:** Christmas holiday mailing deadlines:  
*Okinawa to United States* -  
Priority mail, Saturday  
First class letters, Saturday  
*United States to Okinawa* -  
Parcel airlift mail, Saturday  
Priority Mail, Dec. 11  
First class letters, Dec. 11

**HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD:** Children of deployed parents are invited to make plaster handprints and receive a complimentary Build-a-Bear teddy bear to send as gifts to their loved one(s). The

event will be held Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at Building 403.

**COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY EXTENDED:** The Kadena Community Assessment survey has been extended for spouses until Dec. 10. Spouses can access the survey at [www.kadenasurvey.org](http://www.kadenasurvey.org). or visit the Schilling Community Center, Banyan Tree Cyber Cafe, base library or Health and Wellness Center to use a computer.

**AIR FORCE SPOUSE ORIENTATION:** Learn valuable tools for successfully adapting to the military lifestyle Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kadena Family Support Center. Child care, breakfast and lunch are provided. Call 634-3366 to sign up.

**MUNITIONS CUSTODY ACCOUNTS FORECAST:** The deadline for munitions custodians to hand in their five-year forecasts for unit requirements is Dec. 10. Forecasts not submitted will result in a loss of munitions allocations in the next fiscal year. For more information, call 632-5066 or 5309.

**PWOC CHRISTMAS TEA:** The Kadena Protestant Women of the Chapel will be hosting a Christmas Tea Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Chapel 1. All women are invited to attend and enjoy tea, desserts, and fellowship as a preview to a Bible studies class that will be offered in January.

**MARATHON:** Applications for the 2005 Okinawa Marathon and 10 kilometer road race Feb. 27, must be turned in by Jan. 6, 2005. For more information, please call the Risner Gym at 634-5128.

**GATE 1 CONSTRUCTION:** Gate 1 will close in February 2005 and Gate 4 will open. Officials still expect renovations to be completed by February 2006.

**FLYING TRAINING BOARD:** The Undergraduate Flying Training Board will be held Feb. 8, 2005 at the Air Force Personnel Center. The selection board will review applications for pilot, navigator and air battle manager candidates. Officers with a date of birth after May 1, 1975 and a total federal commissioned service to date after May 1, 2000, who meet all other eligibility criteria are eligible to apply. For more information on application procedures, contact 1st Lt. Alexandria Mauristhene at 634-2930.

**NEW FINANCE PHONE LINE:** Call the Finance "Contact Center" at 634-1415 for routine military pay related questions to include BAS, OHA and COLA, or PCS entitlements such as TLA, TLE, and DLA. The customer service phone line will be manned during normal service hours. Questions may also be sent to '18 CPTS/customer inquiries,' found on the global. Additionally, COLA rates have increased and rates can be

accessed at the per diem website at [www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allowcol.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allowcol.htm)

**ONLINE HOLIDAY GREETINGS:** Family members and friends can send online holiday greetings to Airmen deployed in Iraq this holiday season through the Iraq Newslink Web site at [www.afnews.af.mil/greetings.htm](http://www.afnews.af.mil/greetings.htm) Greetings should be text only, 50 words or less.

**OFFICER RETRAINING:** The space and missile career field is seeking 30 to 40 officers. Interested officers must first contact their assignment team to determine if they can be released from their current career field and pass a Class III flying physical. Visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/SPAM%20HOME.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/SPAM%20HOME.htm) for information on the application process and the space and missile career field, or call DSN 665-2646 or commercial at 210-565-2646.

**NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATION WEBSITE:** The new Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office has launched a new website packed full of information on registering, deregistering, selling, or shipping vehicles. Go to the intranet [www.kadena.af.mil](http://www.kadena.af.mil) then on the *Quick Links*, click JSVRO. On the internet go to [www.kadena.af.mil](http://www.kadena.af.mil), click on *Coming to Kadena*, then under *Local Information* click *Moving*, then *Driving on Okinawa*.



# Taking care of your own

## Kadena family advocacy offers abuse prevention programs

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

A child becomes noticeably more aggressive, bullying and teasing other children instead of playing with them. Meanwhile, the child's mother has started to withdraw from friends and activities she normally participates in.

While this type of behavior doesn't always point to domestic abuse, it can be a strong indicator.

Beth Thomas, the outreach manager for family advocacy, said that while Kadena has one of the highest rates of

maltreatment in Pacific Air Forces, Kadena's Family Advocacy has several outreach programs available for the prevention and handling of abuse.

"Our goal is to build a healthy Air Force community by developing, implementing and evaluating policies and programs designed to prevent, intervene and treat child and spouse abuse," she said.

Maj. Tonita Bell-Buck, the family advocacy officer, said it's important to get the abuse message out at the prevention level, as opposed to the treatment level.

"We want to educate people in what constitutes child and spouse abuse to raise awareness in the community," Mrs. Thomas explained.

The family advocacy office has taken a proactive approach in reducing cases of child and spouse abuse at Kadena by promoting the community assessment survey for active military members and spouses.

Major Bell-Buck said the results of the on-line survey--which ends Dec.

10--will be analyzed and family advocacy will then modify classes and programs to meet the needs of the base.

"One of the goals (of the survey) is to look at domestic violence at Kadena itself," she said. "Hopefully, it will give us the information we need to focus our research and pinpoint some of the factors leading up to domestic violence."

The family advocacy office offers many non-mandatory classes where no official medical record is opened unless an abuse case is substantiated. Classes are conducted on a weekly basis and include anger management and positive parenting, as well as positive discipline. Additional classes and counseling sessions are offered as needed to individuals, couples, groups and families.

The clinic also tenders the new parent support program—for families with children up to 3-years-old. Participants in the program receive home visits from 18th Medical Group nurses, who can offer referrals and infor-

mation on this age group. The nurses also run playgroups at the Youth Center and the fatherhood academy for new or expectant dads.

"(The program nurses) provide the best and most comprehensive service," explained Mrs. Thomas.

Another form of assistance is the Air Force One Source program.

One Source is a website that provides free educational books, videos and childcare information. One Source also has a toll-free phone number and collect number to speak with a person (holding a Master's degree) that can help resolve issues ranging from suicidal thoughts to fixing a broken hot water heater.

"There are so many effects of abuse that can be minimized if we can use early intervention; but we won't be aware of what's going on if no one calls us," said Mrs. Thomas. "The community is our eyes and ears."

To receive more information about family advocacy and its programs, please call 634-0433.

**To access One Source, go to [www.airforceonesource.com](http://www.airforceonesource.com) and enter user id 'airforce' and password 'ready,' or call DSN 800-7075-7844 or call collect at 484-530-5913, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**

# Travel made easier with new regulations

Compiled from staff reports

With the holiday season fast approaching, many military members and their families will be in a rush to make it home for Christmas. One thing to make sure not to forget—passports.

Families with newborn babies are in luck this year with a new U.S. Consulate passport policy giving priority to babies born after Nov. 1. There is typically an annual holiday rush, so it is important to start the passport process as soon as a child is born. It typically takes a month to receive a child's passport, and all Status of Forces Agreement members must start the process at the Camp Lester U.S. Naval Hospital.

The first step is to make an appointment with the hospital's Birth Register Office at 634-7516 to attend a mandatory, one-hour birth registration and passport application process briefing. Briefings are held every first and third Wednesday at 1 p.m.

After birth, you will need to submit several documents to the hospital. The hospital will forward the documents to the U.S. Consulate in Naha. The State Department will then create the baby's Consular Report of Birth and passport.

By law, the consulate cannot process a baby's passport and CRBA application until the following original documents are complete:

- ☐ Parent(s) proof of U.S. citizenship
- ☐ Proof of their baby's birth
- ☐ Proof of parents' marriage
- ☐ Proof of termination of all prior marriages for both parents
- ☐ Application for a Consular Report of Birth (DS2029)
- ☐ Passport application (DS11)
- ☐ Baby's two identical photos
- ☐ Payment of passport fees

### Child passports

Despite the difficulty faced when photographing children the consulate must have a clear and focused passport photo.

- ☐ Prepare 2" x 2" (5cm x 5cm) photos with a white background.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower

- ☐ Head size measured from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head shouldn't be less than 1 inch and no more than 1 3/8 inches.
- ☐ Your child's eyes should be open in the photo
- ☐ The baby's face should be clear and well focused.

*Remember that children's passports are valid for only five years. Please make sure your child's passport is still valid when you plan to go on vacation.*

### Adult passports

Active-duty servicemembers may be able to travel with just an identification card and military orders, but some countries still require a passport. Check the Foreign Clearance Guide to see if a passport is required. It will take about a month to receive a passport after applying.

All family members need a valid passport to travel. Regardless of status or age, a military dependent ID card is not sufficient to travel

abroad. If current U.S. passports are expired, or will soon, it's time to apply for a new one.

To apply for an adult passport, Team Kadena members should visit the military personnel flight, or call 634-7285. For more information, check out the local U.S. Consulate's Web site at <http://naha.usconsulate.gov>.

Emergency passports will only be issued in life or death emergencies, operations in support of war (orders required), or official TDY (orders required).

### While you're here

Are you on a consecutive overseas tour? Check your passports. A child's passport, created when you first arrived, will have expired by the middle of your second tour.

Military members need to think ahead and take personal responsibility for ensuring they are prepared for travel. Even though a passport is not required if assigned to Okinawa, military members might need a passport to deploy to other countries. If a military members extends on Okinawa, check the dates of all passports and ensure they are still current.

### Lost passports

Do not attempt to travel on a passport previously reported as lost or stolen. The loss or theft of a U.S. passport is a serious matter and must be reported to the police immediately. To replace a lost or stolen passport, submit a police report documenting the loss or theft to the consulate.

### Withholding passports

A person who has been specifically certified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to owe more than \$5,000 in child support payments is ineligible to receive a U.S. passport—except for direct return to the United States. A member may reapply for a passport once the appropriate state child support agency has certified to HHS that the child support has been satisfied and HHS has informed the state department.

The Okinawa U.S. Consulate contributed to this report



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"I (sprayed) my bullets along the wall beside him until I hit him," he said. "I saw him go down."

An M-1 Abrams tank crew later confirmed Sergeant Harris' actions that helped defend 27 trucks and save nearly 60 lives.

"Once you're in the fight, it's an almost surreal feeling," he said. "In reality the engagement doesn't take long, but at the time it seemed to last forever -- almost as if I could watch every single round go down range and hit its target. There were RPGs flying all around us, one barely missing my head [within 3-4 feet]. Though a few of our trucks were hit by RPGs and small arms fire [including my truck] we were still able to pull the convoy through the kill-zone with no casualties."

Sergeant Tucker supported Operation Iraqi Freedom as a platoon leader for flightline cargo movement at Balad.

During his six months deployed, Sergeant Tucker's Airmen helped transport more than 58,000 tons of cargo on 12,467 pallets over 45,000 miles on 4,440 trips with the help of just 20 other Airmen.

"As a transporter, I got to see firsthand how our contributions directly affected the mission and lives of everyone in the AOR," explained the 13-year Air Force veteran. "One of our many different missions was moving ammo to helicopters on their way to Fallujah and other locations to support Marines and Soldiers that were battling insurgents."

The battle also came close to home on a few occasions as mortars and rockets from insurgents rained down near the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Truck Company's tent city where Sergeant Tucker "lived."

"There were many mortars that hit close to our locations either on the flightline, or while we were in the tents trying to get some sleep," he said.

Before the three Airmen came together to take a picture with their Bronze Stars Wednesday each said they were proud of what they had done for their country.

"It's an honor to receive such an award," Dominy explained. "For what we went through together, for all the guys still over there, no matter what service, we all are heroes."

Sergeant Harris added that the Bronze Star is more than just a medal.

"It stands for more than just my achievements, it literally represents the blood, sweat and tears my fellow Airmen gave to the mission, the Iraqi people and to the cause of freedom. I can't wear it without thinking of the great men and women I had the honor of serving with."

## Reversing roles?



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Tower  
**18th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas (center), serves a Thanksgiving Day meal at the Marshall Dining Facility alongside 18th Wing Chaplain (Col.) James Cutter. The two, along with squadron commanders, chiefs, first sergeants and their spouses served more than 300 Airmen and families as part of a Thanksgiving Day tradition.**

## Troops get 3.5 percent pay raise, BAH increase

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Money contained within the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act will fund a 3.5 percent troop pay raise and eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pocket costs for family housing, the Department of Defense's top military personnel official said.

The January troop pay raise will be applied across the board to all servicemembers and will not feature pay hikes targeted to specific ranks as in past years, said David S. C. Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The targeted raises issued to mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers over the past two years, Mr. Chu said, "have fixed," for now, most pay-disparity issues involving those ranks.

And, he said, money is contained in the act to boost allowances that eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pocket expenses for on- or off-base family housing. Stateside and overseas family-housing allowances are calculated according to regional markets.

The act also contains three special pay and bonus authorizations, Mr. Chu said. For example, the bill makes permanent the

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increase of military family separation pay to \$250 a month and hostile fire/imminent danger pay to \$225 a month.

Mr. Chu said the act ensures that troops in the field receive the equipment and other material they require to successfully prosecute the war on terrorism.

It also provides extended health coverage for some reservists, Chu said, as well as better Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits.

A major highlight of military personnel management during his tenure, Mr. Chu said involves successive increases in troop compensation.

"The president has been willing to carry the torch for us to argue for significant pay increases," he said, as well as to reduce and eventually eliminate servicemembers' out-of-pockets costs for housing.

## Officials announce tax statement dates

ARLINGTON, Va. — As the end of the year approaches, Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials announced the schedule for distributing 2004 tax statements.

Customers once again can view, save and print their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Tax statements will be available as follows:

- Active Duty W2s: available online Jan. 14 and mailed between Jan. 18 and 24.
- Reserve W2s: available online Dec. 27 and mailed between Jan. 4 and 5.
- Civilian W2s: available online Jan. 6 and mailed between Jan. 10 and 14.
- Retired Annual Statement: available online Dec. 4, and mailed between Dec. 17 and 29.
- Retired 1099R: available online Dec. 13 and mailed between Dec. 17 and 29.
- Annuitant Annual Statements: available online Dec. 13 and mailed between Dec. 28 and 29.
- Annuitant 1099R: available online Dec. 14 and mailed between Dec. 27 and 29.

The following statements are available only by mail:

- Special Compensation for Severely Disabled 1099Rs: mailed Dec. 17.
- VSI/SSB W2s: mailed between Jan. 4 and 5.
- Travel W2s: mailed between Jan. 10 and 11.
- Savings Deposit 1099INTs: mailed between Jan. 10 and 11.



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Cotyk, 18th Communications Squadron NCO in-charge of mail directory, places a letter into its appropriate postal service box at the Postal Service Center. This season the post office sees a fifty percent increase in their work load and deals with more than 3 million pieces of mail during the holiday months.

# Postal workers get gifts home for holidays

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

While Santa may be the busiest deliverer of gifts during the holiday season, Airmen from the 18th Communications Squadron postal unit and Pacific Air Forces Air Postal Squadron delivering packages to Kadena residents may be a close second — delivering more than three million pounds of mail for the holidays.

Postal squadron Airmen and numerous volunteers have had their hands full getting packages from around the world to military families stationed at Kadena in time for the holidays.

At the Air Postal Squadron, Detachment 3, more than 30 Airmen and Japanese workers offload holiday mail bound for Kadena's Postal Service Center.

Senior Master Sgt. Alton Blalock, the APS detachment chief, said the holiday rush typically starts with an outgoing mail rush in mid-November

and peaks in mid-December, followed by a rush of incoming mail through the holidays until mid-January.

First-class and priority mail from around the world is flown in by a series of commercial airliners. Bulk mail from the states is shipped from San Francisco on a weekly basis, but could take anywhere from four to six weeks to arrive.

Sergeant Blalock said that because postal service is the most important part of the holidays overseas, his staff works long nights and weekends making sure packages and mail are delivered to their destinations.

"We work especially hard to ensure our customers receive their gifts from loved ones," said Sergeant Blalock.

Once the mail arrives at Kadena's postal service center, more than 50 Airmen, civilians, and volunteers offload, organize, register, and deliver mail to the customers during the holiday season.

The volume of mail is so high during the holiday season that Master

Sgt. Arstelious Bradley, the center's postmaster, requested 10 temporary over-hire positions.

On average, the postal workers handle more than 10,000 letters, 5,000 packages and 4,000 magazines per day.

With volumes of mail this large, PSC officials say space in the PSC is very limited, so it is important for customers to check their boxes once or twice a day during the next few weeks.

"This time of year, customers should check their mail every day to clear shelf space in the PSC," Sergeant Bradley said. "(By doing this), newly arriving parcels may be put on the shelf and delivered."

Even though this is the busiest time of year for the postmaster, Sergeant Bradley said that the holiday season is also the most rewarding time of year.

"[The most rewarding part is] seeing the little smiles on kids faces when they know that package came from Grandma," he said.

## HOLIDAY MAILING HOURS

### Monday-Friday (Dec. 6-10 and 13)

Parcel mailing - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Parcel pickup - 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday (Dec. 4 and 11)

Parcel mailing - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parcel pickup - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Sundays (Dec. 5, 12 and 19)

Parcel pickup only - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Weekdays (Dec. 13-17 and 20-23)

Parcel mailing - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parcel pickup - 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

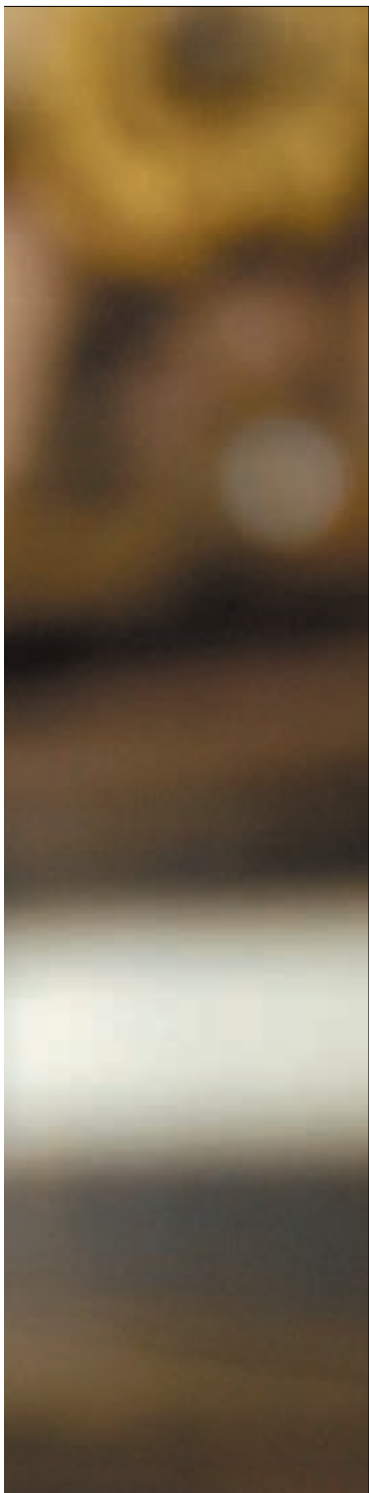
### Christmas Eve (Dec. 23)

Parcel mailing - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parcel pickup - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

*Customers with five or more parcels to mail can call 634-1351 to make an appointment to avoid long lines.*





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0 on Monday. During the holiday



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**ABOVE:** Casey Jarrett, wife of Senior Airman Wayne Jarrett, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations, volunteers at the post office to help out for the holidays. Currently, eight people volunteer to assist the postal center over the holidays. People interested in volunteering can call 634-2155 or 634-4240.

**RIGHT:** Shinichiro Sugimoto, 18th CS mail clerk, sorts letters into mail boxes.



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**BELOW:** Staff Sgt. Mark Burleson, 18th CS financial postal clerk, weighs outgoing packages, and checks custom forms to make sure they are filled out correctly.



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## The Okinawa Perspective

Compiled by staff reports

*The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.*

□ Ambassador Sadaaki Numata held a press conference at MOFA Okinawa Liaison Office Nov. 30 requesting Okinawans to promote dialogue with the U.S. military rather than conducting protest actions. Citizens' groups expressed opposition to his comments.

□ More than 150 sixth graders from Amelia Earhart Intermediate School visited Yonabaru Elementary School for an exchange visit Nov. 19. The Yonabaru students will visit AEIS Dec. 15 for a similar exchange activity.

□ The Japanese government officials plan to extend the deployment of Self-Defense Forces in Iraq for another year. The government also intends to install mortar radar systems at the camp to increase force protection.

□ Mayor Miyagi of Kadena Town was re-elected as the president of Okinawa Prefecture Association of Towns and Villages. His tenure of the chairmanship is two years.

□ A reported 24 people were injured in an earthquake that rocked the eastern areas of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, early Nov. 28. The quake registered a preliminary magnitude of 7.1 and measured a three on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of a total of three.

□ Local officials announced earlier this month the unemployment rate on Okinawa rose to 8.0 percent in October which is slightly higher than September's rate of 7.7 percent.

□ Okinawan pro golfer, Ai Miyazato, claimed her fifth title of the year after winning the Elleair Ladies Open. The 19-year-old player won 14.4 million yen bringing her winning this year to a grand total of 115.6 million yen.

□ Hollywood commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Japanese icon, Godzilla Monday awarding the movie monster a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.



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## Kyoto dancers perform for shoppers

**LEFT:** Risa Sugano, a 16-year-old Maiko dancer from Kyoto, Japan, performs at the Kadena Base Exchange as part of a small tour of Okinawa Saturday. Kadena shoppers caught a glimpse of traditional dances performed by Maiko, Geiko and Geisha while looking for holiday season gifts. After two dances, the performers took time to answer cultural questions from the audience. The dancers also performed at the Camp Foster Post Exchange and the Foster Field House during the biggest shopping weekend of the year. Risa has been performing for a year as "Fukunao."

**BELOW:** Midori Limori, a Geiko dancer from Kyoto, Japan, performs at the Kadena Base Exchange Saturday. Ms. Limori has been performing for ten years as "Fukuwaka."



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*"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to [ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil](mailto:ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil).*

**Q : Why is putting chopsticks upright in rice such a big deal?**

**A :** Simply put, chopsticks standing up in rice reminds Japanese people of death and funerals, which is something we would prefer not to think of while we are dining.

When someone passes away, we prepare the remains for viewing. The deceased is laid out with his or her head pointing toward the north. Beyond the head, we place a small table covered with a white table cloth. On the table, we place a last meal which commonly consists of sweets, fruit, rice, pork, water, salt, and miso (bean paste). Along with the food, we normally put flowers, incense, candles, name plate (mortuary tablet), and chopsticks.

The actual layout varies slightly from region to region. For example, some families use lacquer chopsticks, or the deceased's favorite chopsticks. The chopsticks are then placed upright in the rice, and this is the only time we place chopsticks in this fashion.

There is another chopstick practice that reminds us of funerals. Japanese traditionally cremate remains, but it is not the full cremation common in America.

Pieces of bone are left unburned. We use special pairs of large bamboo chopsticks to pick up a piece of the foot bone and pass it from the youngest family member to the oldest family member who then places it in the burial urn.

That is why we do not pass food from chopstick to chopstick. Instead, when we want to pass food to someone, we use the back end of our chopsticks (the part that has not been in our mouth!) to put the food on the person's plate.

Since we are on the subject of chopstick etiquette, this is a good chance for me to point out that it is not as complicated as it seems. A good rule of thumb applies to almost every situation – if it is not good manners to do with your fork, it probably isn't good manners with chopsticks. This applies even to our funeral examples above.

If you want to learn more about Japanese etiquette, including more about chopsticks, look for the Family Support Center's next "Living in Okinawa" class, or ask Eiko.



Today

**TINSEL TOWN:** Enjoy Kadena Services' holiday extravaganza at the Schilling Community Center parking lot featuring the Nutcracker Cirque from 6 to 9 p.m. and the Kadena Annual Holiday Parade. Call **634-1387** for more information.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages 5 to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Snacks from 5 to 7 p.m., Re-mix Fridays—the top 40 hits of today and years gone by—from 7 p.m. until closing.

Saturday

**TINSEL TOWN:** Enjoy Kadena Services' holiday extravaganza at the Schilling Community Center parking lot featuring the Nutcracker Cirque from 2 to 5:40 p.m., a holiday handmade crafts fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a holiday dessert bake-off, a holiday talent show and family arts and crafts. Call **634-1387** for more information.

**HOLIDAY WORKSHOP:** Create unique and special gifts for your loved ones at the Youth Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Call **634-0500** for more information.

**YOUTH & ADULTS TOURNAMENT:** The Okinawa Youth Alliance Bowling Association is sponsoring a tournament with sign ups beginning at 12:30 p.m., bowling at 1. Call **632-3258** for more details.

**SHURI CASTLE AND SHIKINA-EN TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS:** One-hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**CENTRAL 100 YEN SHOP EXPLO- RATION TOUR:** Call ITT at 634-4322.

**TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB:** Join the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you're unsure how to play, we'll show you.

**PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Best of the Top 40 and Latin in the lounge from 8 p.m. until closing.

Sunday

**TINSEL TOWN:** Enjoy Kadena Services' holiday extravaganza at the Schilling Community Center parking lot featuring the Nutcracker Cirque from 2 to 5:40 p.m. and family bingo. Call **634-1387**.

**EXPLORE THE NORTH TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL TOUR:** Discover the middle of Okinawa. Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**RENT-A-LANE:** Avoid the Sunday crowd from 8 to 11 a.m. and up to five bowlers can rent a lane for just \$15 for three hours.

**BANYAN TREE:** Enjoy the biggest sporting events of the day from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a Sunday special of ribs and fries from 7 to 9 p.m. on the patio. Top 30 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET:** Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Morrell Room of the Rocker NCO Club. Cost: \$6.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Children 5 to 12 years are \$3.95 for members, \$4.95 for nonmembers. Children under 5 years are free.

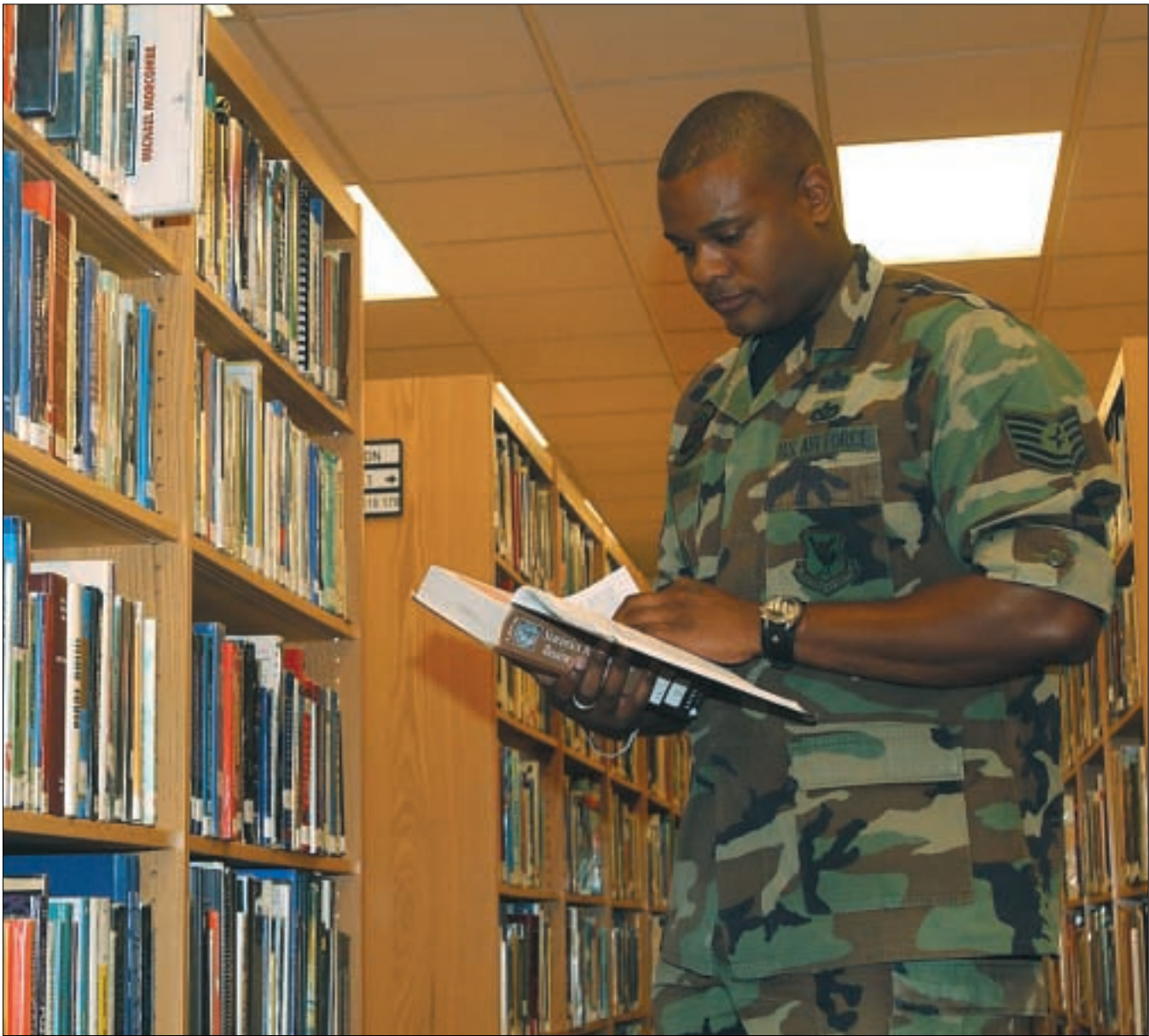
**ROCKER COLLEGIATE GAME DAY:** Root for your favorite college football team at the Rocker NCO Club starting at 7:30 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** All that Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Open Mic from 8 p.m. until closing.

Monday

**NUTCRACKER CIRQUE:** Center stage for Tinsel Town 2004 will be the Nutcracker Cirque from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the

Getting back to the books



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**Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Turner, 18th Mission Support Squadron manpower analyst, checks out a book at the newly renovated library, Nov. 30. Library renovations were paid for using \$500,000 of quality of life funds. The library is located next to Kadena Chapel 2, behind Kuter Blvd., and is open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Schilling Community Center parking lot. Call **634-1387** for more information.

**40-FRAME BOWLING TOURNAMENT:** Sign up today until Dec. 20 to try your chance at winning prizes and cash Dec. 20. Call **634-2290**.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**HOME AND GIFT SALE:** Find tableware, framed pictures, children's gifts, lamps, globes, and more from today through Dec. 10 at the Schilling Community Center.

**FRESHWATER PEARLS FROM HONG KONG:** Made to order Freshwater Pearls as well as a selection of pearls in all shapes and sizes, sterling silver, 14K gold, jade and more from today through Dec. 11 and Dec. 13 through 18 at the Schilling Community Center.

**CAKE DECORATING:** Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Fifty cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out and Variety Dance Hits from 7 to 11 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Rock around the clock with C Note and classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

Tuesday

**T'AI CHI CH'UAN:** For ages 18 years and up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing and win cash prizes at a pool tournament starting at 8 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Krazy Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday

**SUNSHINE TOWN & KASURI STUDIO TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages 5 to 18 years can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**DRAW A PRICE DAY:** Draw a ball out of the jar after you complete your bowling from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and pay from a quarter to a dollar per game at Emery Lanes. Open to all ages. Call **634-2290**.

**SIGN UP FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS:** Sign up for January's classes at the Kadena arts and crafts center. Call **634-1666** for more details.

**OKINAWA DANCE:** Enhance your stay by learning traditional expressive dance forms unique to the island from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Rock night Banyan style featuring the best in local rock bands from 8 to 11 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School music from 8 p.m. until closing.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE (BANYAN):** Enjoy a Mardi Gras Theme night with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Banyan Tree Club. Lounge opens at 7 p.m., ballroom opens at 9 p.m. Ticket sales can be purchased at the Cashier's Cage; members \$10, nonmembers \$15.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE (OFFICERS):** Enjoy a fabulous New Year's Eve dinner buffet at the Kadena Officers Club in the Kudaka Dining area starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by live entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets purchased through Dec. 15 will be \$15 for members, \$24.95 for spouse or guest, and \$29.95 for nonmembers. Price increases after Dec. 15.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AT OKUMA:** Spend

New Year's Eve at Okuma for great live entertainment including fireworks, giveaways, karaoke, free babysitting, and live music. Purchase tickets at Kadena ITT, located in the Schilling Community Center; \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 7 to 16 years and free for children 6 and under.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING:** Bowl in the New Year at Emery Lanes 50s theme night from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Purchase a package before Dec. 27 for \$75 to include your own lane for the night, all the bowling you can bowl, shoe rental, party favors, champagne or sparkling cider, and more, for up to a party of five.

Thursday

**T'AI CHI CH'UAN:** For ages 18 years and up from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY:** Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**SALSA DANCE LESSONS:** Learn the basics of Salsa Dance in the free weekly classes in the Weekender Lounge of the Kadena Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Open to Officers' club members only.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Adults can make friends with Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and language from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Latin music from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by country night with DJ Mad Chaps until closing.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Ladies night from 8 p.m. until closing.

Dec. 10

**BATHHOUSE TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**KUMON MATH:** Children ages 5 to 18 years can learn how to

excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387**.

**WINTERWONDERLAND DANCE:** Just because there is no snow, doesn't mean in Okinawa we don't celebrate winter. Members only can join the dance from 7 to 9 p.m. for youth ages 6 to 8 years at the Youth Center. Call **634-0500** for more information.

**JAPANESE ANTIQUES:** Find Japanese dolls, Hina dolls, sake sets, carvings, obis and hangers and other local and Mainland antiques from until today at the Schilling Community Center.

**HOME AND GIFT SALE:** Find tableware, framed pictures, children's gifts, lamps, globes, and more this week through today at the Schilling Community Center.

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Coyote Ugly Night starting at 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Snacks from 5 to 7 p.m., Re-mix Fridays—all the best top 40 hits of today and years gone by—from 7 p.m. until closing.

C H A P E L
<b>Catholic</b>
▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.
<b>Protestant</b>
▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Bldg. 327, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219

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Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.
<b>Keystone Theater</b>
▲ Today..... The Incredibles, PG, 6 p.m.
Ladder 49, PG-13, 9 p.m.
▲ Saturday..... The Incredibles, PG, noon
Raise Your Voice, PG, 4 p.m.
Ladder 49, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday..... The Incredibles, PG, noon
First Daughter, PG, 4 p.m.
Ladder 49, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday..... National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday..... National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.. Raise Your Voice, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday..... The Polar Express, G, 7 p.m.
<b>Butler Theater</b>
▲ Today..... Closed for Christmas concert
▲ Saturday..... Closed for Christmas concert
▲ Sunday..... Spongebob Squarepants, PG, 1 p.m.
Spongebob Squarepants, PG, 4 p.m.
After the Sunset, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday..... Spongebob Squarepants, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday..... After the Sunset, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday.. Ladder 49, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday..... National Treasure, PG, 7 p.m.





Courtesy photo

Kadena High School guard Britney McCauley shoots a freethrow during the first half of the championship game Saturday against Hong Kong International School. The Lady Panthers came back from a 15 point deficit to win the championship 55-50. It was the first time in the tournament's 35-year history that the Kadena Lady Panthers have won the title.

# KHS girls team wins tournament

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Instead of carving turkey and passing mashed potatoes, the Kadena High School girls basketball team sliced their place into Hong Kong's varsity sports history during the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the first time in the tournament's history, the Kadena High School girl's varsity team came out on top.

Kadena High School girls and boys varsity basketball teams visited Hong Kong to take part in the 35th Hong Kong International School Holiday Basketball Tournament Nov. 25-27.

A travel restriction imposed in 2003, by Department of Defense Dependent Schools Systems, did not allow the teams to participate last year. After receiving the word that the ban was lifted, the coaches picked contingent

players and traveled to Hong Kong.

The Kadena athletes battled against teams from Singapore, Taipei, Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Okinawa during the three-day tournament.

Though every team desired the crown, Kadena's Lady Panthers wanted it the most.

The team's 4-1 record was enough to reserve a seat in the championship game against tournament hosts - HKIS.

"The teams went at it for forty minutes of non-stop intensity," said Coach Ken Hudson. "The girls clawed their way back into the game after being down by as much as 15 (points)."

During the fourth quarter, the lady panthers outscored an injury-riddled and fatigued HKIS 20-7 to secure the championship, with a final score of 55-50.

"The girls really dug in to win this one," said Coach Hudson. "We got

clutch performances from the tournaments most valuable players Dianne Abel, Britney McCauley, Sherlissa Dukes, Pattie Adkins and Jennifer Abel. Their play in the final minutes was key for the victory.

The Kadena Panthers (boy's varsity) defeated Saint Mary's International School 69-41 during the game to seal a third place finish in the tournament. Zaire Jackson, of KHS, garnered all-tournament team honors.

The female team consisted of Dianne Abel, Jennifer Abel, Patty Adkins Amanda Boettiger, Elizabeth Cotto, Sherlissa Dukes, Britney McCauley, Allison Montes de Oca, Paige Spearman, Chrissy Teasdale and Pia Williams. The boys team members were Zaire Jackson, Jacob Love, Terence Reid, Brandon Rice, Tyler Schmidt, Anthony Soroka, Jon Turner, Tony Watkins, Darnell Womach and Gary Wright.



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Steven Mandell and John Barnett recently participated in the Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Mandell and Barnett finished 125th and 84th respectively out of more than 3,000 competitors.

## Kadena duo runs in AF marathon

Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Steven Mandell and John Barnett were selected to join a five-member Pacific Air Forces team to participate in the Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio recently.

Mandell, an 18th Wing Manpower technician, finished 125th out of more than 3,000 competitors, or 52nd in his age group with a time of 3 hours, 29 minutes; while John Barnett, an 18th Medical Support Squadron flight commander finished 84th overall, or 26th in his age group

with a time of 3 hours, 22 minutes.

The duo said they were happy with their results, but will continue to try and improve.

Barnett, a 13-year enlisted submariner now Air Force captain, planned to run in today's Combined Federal Campaign Fun Run "just for fun" and this weekend's Naha Marathon to practice for next year's Okinawa Marathon that runs through Kadena's gates.

Mandell, a 17-year Air Force veteran and technical sergeant planned to run alongside his running partner, but had to walk away due to injury.

## FLAG FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Division I-A	W	L
18th CES (A)	5	0
18th CS	4	1
18th EMS	3	2
18th AMXS	2	3
18th LRS	0	5
718th AMXS	0	5

Division I-B	W	L
18th CMS	4	0
18th MUNS	3	0
18th SVS	2	1
12th EFS	2	2
733rd AMS	1	2
18th SFS	0	3
18th CES (B)	0	4

Division II	W	L
18th DS/AMDS	4	1
353rd MXS	3	1
961st AACs	2	2
18th OSS	2	2
18th MOS	2	2
353rd OSS	0	4

## Upcoming games

### Division I-B

#### Monday--

12th EFS--forfeited vs. 733rd AMS  
18th MUNS vs. 18th SVS at 6 p.m.  
18th SFS vs. 18th CES (B) at 7 p.m.

#### Monday--

18th CMS vs. 18th MUNS at 6 p.m.  
733rd AMS vs. 18th CES (B) at 7 p.m.  
18th SFS vs. 18th SVS at 8 p.m.

#### Tuesday--

18th SVS vs. 12th EFS--forfeited  
18th CMS vs. 733rd AMS at 6 p.m.  
18th MUNS vs. 18th SFS at 7 p.m.

All games are held at the McDonald Stadium and are subject to change. Call 634-1128.

## SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Division I	W	L
18th MUNS	7	1
18th EMS	5	3
18th MSS	5	3
18th CMS	4	4
18th MDG	4	4
18th AMXS	3	5
18th CES	3	5
18th COMM	1	7

Division II	W	L
18th OSS	6	0
18th AES	4	2
554th RHS	4	2
12th EFS	3	3
372nd TRS	2	4
733rd AMS	1	5
623rd ACF	1	5

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